

REMARKS

We have carefully considered the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, in which claims 1-24 stand rejected as obvious over a combination of U.S. Patent 6,300,887B1 to Le and U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0042114A1 to Agraharam et al.

We have amended the claims to clarify that the respective stored packets that are part of a stored record include stored RTP timestamps that are the same as or derived from the RTP timestamps of the corresponding RTP packets. We disagree that the combination renders the invention obvious.

The Le patent describes a system that compresses/decompresses headers of packets. In particular, the Le patent describes various ways in which "context information" that is needed to perform the compression/decompression operations is provided to a next node during hand-off. The context information may have a component that is "time related," as set forth in various places in the Le patent, see for example, col. 10, lines 10-15 and lines 63 et seq. The time related information is presumably included in the context information so that the node that is accepting the hand-off can determine the packets for which the context information is applicable.

The Agraharam publication describes a system that adds indexing information, or metadata, to an RTP packet in the form of a "multimedia data packet extension header." (page 1, paragraph 0006). As the publication goes on to explain

Metadata is simply information about data. That is, metadata is information that can be used to further define or characterize the data. A paradigm example of metadata is a time stamp. When multimedia communications are recorded, a time of production may be associated with the communications. A time stamp can be added to the multimedia communications to provide an indexing function. (page 1, paragraph 0022).

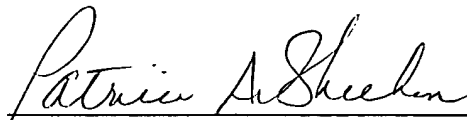
Thus, the timestamp that is referred to throughout the Agraharam publication is added metadata that corresponds to the time of the recording of the video or audio data, and not the contents of the timestamp field of the RTP packet and/or any information derived from the timestamp field of the RTP packet. In contrast, the stored RTP timestamp referred to in the current application and the pending claims is the same as or derived from the RTP timestamp contained in the timestamp field of the corresponding RTP packet header. Thus, the current system does not need to produce metadata and/or an extended header.

Combining the teachings of Le relating to a procedure for compressing/decompressing packet headers with the teachings of Agraharam relating to including metadata that is useful for indexing in a packet does not teach or suggest the current invention, because, *inter alia*, the combination does not teach or suggest storing in a persistent medium stored packets that respectively consist of the payloads of RTP packets and also stored RTP timestamps, which are derived from the RTP timestamps contained in the headers of the RTP packets as set forth in independent claims 1, 8, 13 and 20, and the claims that depend therefrom.

The claims, as amended, should now be in form for allowance. We respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider his rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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